



State of Rhode Island
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Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State

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Honorable Robert E. Craven, Sr., Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

RE: In support of H7577- An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Health Care
Provider Shield Bill

Dear Chair Craven,

I write in support of H7577, the Health Care Provider Shield Bill, to ensure the protection of health care providers, thereby ensuring access for their patients.

Abortion is healthcare. Gender-affirming care is healthcare. The providers of this healthcare should not fear for their safety or for potential legal repercussions in Rhode Island. This is especially true in the face of the coordinated, national push led by anti-choice and anti-LGBTQ+ organizations to attack reproductive healthcare and gender-affirming care and the healthcare professionals who provide it.

The Rhode Island General Assembly has taken the urgent, necessary steps to protect access to abortion with the passage of the Reproductive Privacy Act and the Equality in Abortion Coverage Act. This legislation builds on Rhode Island's commitment to protecting patients and providers, and I urge its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gregg M. Amore'.

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable John G. Edwards